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SUBJ: REUTER ITEM: AMB. GETACHEW MESASHA

REF: A. STATE 42402, B. STATE 48415

1. GETACHEW INTERVIEW NOT HELPFUL. INFURNTUNATELY, HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WILL BE CONTINUING WORK FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN ETHIOPIA SEEMS TO BELIE DEPT'S PRESS GUIDANCE THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF PERMITTING U.S. TO BECOME BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR ANTI-EPMG ACTIVITIES AND WE CAN EXPECT THAT EPMG WILL DRAW SAME CONCLUSION.

2. I HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN BEFORE (ADDIS 1257), THAT AMBASSADORS ARE TURNING UP IN STATES APPARENTLY ON ORDINARY VISAS AND THEREBY GIVING IMPRESSION THAT ASYLUM HAS BEEN GRANTED. IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT IF WE CANNOT PREVENT THIS SORT OF THING FROM HAPPENING, WE CAN AT LEAST CAUTION THESE PEOPLE ABOUT MAKING PUBLIC POLITICAL STATEMENTS IN THEIR STATUS AS GUESTS IN U.S. TIENKEN

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